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**In the Claims:**

[Claim 3 has been amended as follows:

A2 3. Axial piston compressor according to Claim 1, characterized in that the sliding ring (22) is provided with a groove (26) on its bearing surface that cooperates with the counter-ring (20).

[Claim 4 has been amended as follows:]

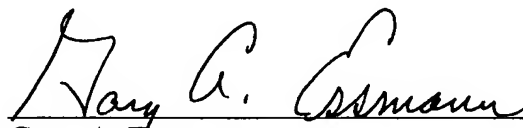
4. Axial piston compressor according to Claim 1, characterized in that the counter-ring (20) is provided with a groove.

[Add the following new claims:]

5. Axial piston compressor according to Claim 2, characterized in that the sliding ring (22) is provided with a groove (26) on its bearing surface that cooperates with the counter-ring (20).

6. Axial piston compressor according to Claim 2, characterized in that the counter-ring (20) is provided with a groove.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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